

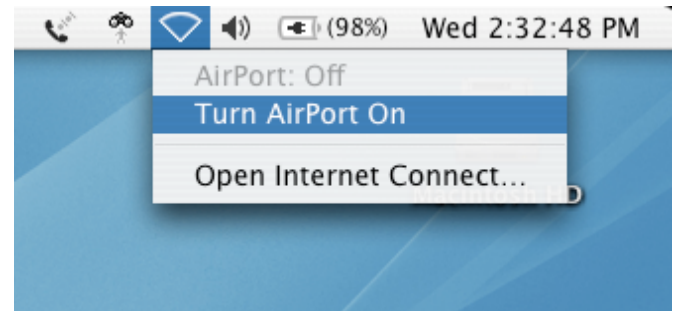
Choosing & Checking the TPS Airport Network

Airport

In the top right menu bar of the Finder will be a pie shape, with the point facing downwards. When the pie shape is white inside, that means the airport is turned off.



NOTE: If you do not have the pie shape in your top menu bar, open System Preferences, click on the Airport icon and click the button along the bottom that says “Show Airport status in menu bar.”



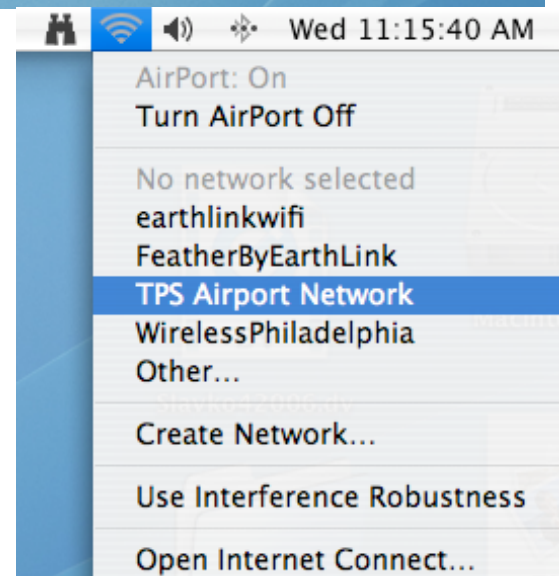
Turning Airport On

To turn on the airport, click once on the icon until a sub-menu pops down. Choose “Turn AirPort On”.



Finding a wireless network

If your Airport is turned on, but no network is selected, the lines in the pie shaped will be white and gray striped. Though it isn't currently connected to a network, it is looking for wireless signals. You can see if there are wireless networks in your area by clicking on the pie shape. If there is a lock icon next to the wireless network, you will need a password to connect to it.



Checking your signal strength

After choosing the school's wireless network, the gray lines in the icon of the computer's menu bar should turn black. The stronger the signal, the more black lines you will have. If you are out of range of a Base Station, the black lines will turn gray, starting from the top and working toward the bottom, the weaker the signal becomes. Weaker signals also mean slower upload and download speeds for data.

